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A writer on municipal reform in the Century observes that "the unwillingness of the better classes of the community to enter into active political life is notorious. Not only do they decline to take part in the primaries and nominating conventions, but they refuse to accept nominations for office. It frequently happens that a promising reform movement is delayed and its enthusiasm hopelessly chilled by the failure of its promoters to find an eminent and suitable person who is willing to make the sacrifice of becoming its nominee for office." The writer accounts for this difficulty, in part, as follows:

"Not only is no inducement offered for expert intelligence to seek place in the public service, but every obstacle is raised to prevent its finding an entry there. If by chance any man possessing it gets office, he is certain to be turned out at the end of a very brief period. The result is that every young man of first rate intelligence shuns political life and public service, and seeks for his occupation in other directions; while the men of inferior intelligence, unstable character, and flabby morality, turn to politics as offering them a better chance of success than they could hope for in the severer competition of private occupations."

These views are on all fours with those often expressed in the Orifice; and we have quoted them for the purpose of reinforcing from the outside our own opinions, with the hope that they may be applied in the The fact of our own local politics.

There is another difficulty in obtaining candidates for office from the best classes in the community, not mentioned by the Century writer; and that is the indiscriminate abuse heaped upon holders of official positions. Many public officials are very properly condemned, and are screened from the wrath which should overtake them, because the average citizen cannot or will not take the trouble to distinguish between the wanton assaults made upon the purest men, by the vile and the ignorant, and the deserved condemnation of the "men of inferior intelligence, unstable character, and flabby morality," by honest reformers. But men of fine fibre, on the contrary, soon sicken of the vicious abuse of the inferior, unstable and flabby, made doubly hard to bear by the careless and flippant echoing of those who are better and should know better.

What the Birds of the Air Say.

(THE CITIZEN is not responsible for the notes.) That the first thoughts of some people on hearing that the Bloomfield station had caught fire the other morning, were that it was a pity that the word "efficient" could not have been applied to the fire instead of the fire department.

That the greed of a few property holders and the short sighted thrift of the citizens which prevented the erection of a beautiful station at Bloomfield some years ago on the Delaware & Lackawanna Road, has probably cost the town thousands of dollars between now and then.

That a ten cent gift with love is more blessed than a ten dollar exchange.

That Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and the Sunday following at the home of Mrs. Thomas' parents in Brooklyn.

That the cabs at Bloomfield station and their business growing. It was predicted by THE CITIZEN several years ago that the mere fact of cabs being in attendance would develop the desire to use them.

That the man who has sent a telegram from New York at 4 P. M. one day and finds it has been delivered at his residence at 10 A. M. the next, fails to perceive the true greatness of the telegraph system.

That Mr. Berrian had his arm quite badly cut by being thrown from his horse. He was fortunate to escape so easily.

That the Fortnightly has resumed its meetings. Literature, science and art will receive careful and profitable attention at its hands during the winter.

That our Post Office service is not surpassed by any in the State, even if free delivery is still in the future.

That Mr. Roger N. Arms spent Christmas with his family at Glen Ridge after quite a long absence on a business trip.

That General Armstrong of Hampton Institute is slowly recovering from the apoplectic stroke which seemed for a time to render certain his speedy death.

That while New York asks for thousands to keep its pavements in a state of cleanliness all we would ask is a procession of fashionable dames to walk over our streets twice or twice a day.

That the Glen Ridge people came near to having the privilege of rebuilding their church, the Christmas greens having taken fire on Sunday night. Fortunately no damage was done.

That Miss Anna Ward is diligently pursuing her literary work at Waterbury, Conn.

Conn. She is said to have a delightful den within which she prepares the pages for the printer.

That the feather box craze has created the necessity for the invention of something to take the place of feather dusters in our households.

That the fire department got to Glen Ridge on Sunday last in very quick time.

That Mr. Capon has prepared plans for a new house to be erected by Mr. Leonard Richards on the corner of Beach Street and Park Place.

That Mr. Page is reported to have broken ground for his new house on Douglas Road.

That a large sign on a beautiful little house near Westminster Church informs the passers by that Mr. Capon is the architect. That passers by might well wonder upon noticing the artistic design of this house, why owners do not procure the services of an architect in their building. The architect can more than save the owner the full amount of his fees, and in the end leave him with a thing of beauty instead of an excuse upon the soil. Ugly things are never cheap.

That Miss Aggar has been visiting town this week.

That Messrs. Beach and Gallagher are offering their lots on Lincoln Street at very reasonable figures and on easy terms.

That the Madrigal Society should not stand upon ceremony but diligently and heartily invite all good singers to join.

That John F. Capon and Wm. Day are spending New Year's with a Lake Waramaug party at Greenwich.

That the theatrical fever is said to be prevalent at Glen Ridge just now, but is not in all cases contagious.

That the Glen Ridge Club is to have a theatrical entertainment the end of January. Dr. Richards has been appointed chairman of the committee and it is rumored that all the actors and actresses of the Club have announced themselves willing to exert themselves to the utmost to repeat the success of last year, but inquiry fails to reveal the individual names.

That the cases of scarlet fever in town have been exceptionally mild as a rule, and that there is no danger of any spread of the disease.

That there are rumors of a movement at Glen Ridge to have the neighborhood incorporated as a village.

That Mrs. Ballantine will have charge of the organ in the Old Church until Spring. This is a cause for congratulation on the opening of the new year.

That the Glen Ridge Church has made up its mind to pay off its debt in the next two years. If this be true the debt will be paid.

That the matter of the building of a new public hall, is being more seriously agitated. The need of it is appreciated by all, and it is to be hoped that the agitation will lead to something this time.

That the glee at the Glen Ridge Club this winter has been so great as to seriously injure the nerves of several of the members.

That everyone nowadays who has a cold in his head, sore throat, fainting spells, headache, toothache, a lame foot, an aggressive cold, dyspepsia, or in fact anything short of apoplexy, announces that he is complicated with grip, or has something complicated with grip, or is gripped with something complicated.

That the Friday evening dances at the Glen Ridge Club are said to be much frequented by young goats.

That the Glen Ridge Club rejoices in a cigar named after one of its Governors. We grieve to say that the price is only 5 cents.

That the Secret of His Power.

In a recent book of reminiscences we find this entertaining glimpse of Lord Normanby and his theory of the influence of the splendor of masculine dress upon the female sex. "Meeting him one day at a dinner at Fulham the subject of women's appreciation of aristocratic simplicity came up. The ladies of course declared that there was nothing they admired so much. After listening for some time, Lord Normanby said: 'I totally disagree with you; I believe that women have no appreciation of simplicity in dress, nor in anything else. I believe that the more a man bedizens himself with velvet, satin, gold chains, rings on his fingers and varnished boots, the more they admire him.'

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